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Subject: Approval of Release Request, Ridgpoint Mining Company, Duke Mine, Task #1417, M0370096, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

In light of revised information received from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) concerning the postmining land use at the Duke Mine, the Division has re-evaluated your request for release from further reclamation requirements. The postmining land uses identified by SITLA are agriculture and recreation, and they consider that these land uses have been met. While the water right you obtained for the well has lapsed, the Division confirmed that there is a non-lapsed water right for domestic use in the same well.

The Division releases you from further reclamation requirements at this site and will close your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI). The obligations required in the Division's February 13, 2007, letter no longer apply.

If you desire to conduct further mining operations in this area, you will need to submit a new NOI, pay the permit fee, and submit a reclamation surety.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5258 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White
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